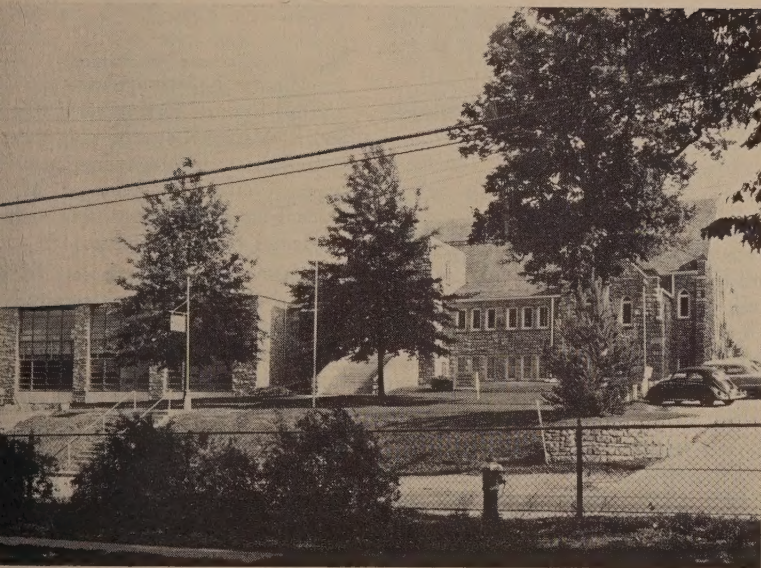




KANSAS CITY WELBORN CHURCH
WITH NEW EDUCATION UNIT
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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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Summer Plans

The Rymphs plan to vacation two weeks in Minnesota from July 26 through August 9. They will also spend a few days in western Kansas as time and program will permit.

Miss Wolford will take the week of August 10 off to do some work at her home, and will vacation a week in the Ozarks in October.

We hope all our readers find time for a bit of rest and relaxation.

Meeting At Oberlin

Protestants all over the world will focus their attention on the quiet little college town of Oberlin, Ohio from July 5 to 9 as the United Church of Christ, meeting in its first General Synod since its founding two years ago, seeks to determine its future form of government.

Consideration of a proposed constitution, prepared by a 20-member commission which has been at work for two years, will be the main item of business before the 700 delegates. Attorney Roscoe W. Graves of our Emporia Church is one of the 10 C.C. members of this commission. If the constitution is approved, it will still be some time before it is put into effect, as it must still be ratified by two-thirds of the churches in each fellowship.

The Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches will deliver the keynote address on Sunday night, July 5. He heads a distinguished group of representatives to the Synod from other branches of Protestantism including: The United Church of Canada, the United Church of South India, the United Church of the Union in Ger-

many and the World Council of Churches.

Delegates are chosen on the basis of one for each 3,000 members. Kansas delegates are Ned Burr McKenney, Roscoe Graves, Daniel Hopkins, Mrs. Charles Gunn, Ray Jones and L. M. Rymph.

Former Wichitan To Superintendency

Word has just been received that the Rev. R. Vernon Lawson, who grew up in our Fairmont Church, has been chosen as Conference Minister of the Rhode Island Conference. He succeeds Dr. James H. Lightbourne.

Vernon graduated from Wichita University in 1930 and received his B.D. degree from Hartford Seminary in 1934. Following a pastorate in Vermont and one in Connecticut he came to Peace Dale, R. I., where he served the Congregational Church the past 16 years.

Kansas is proud of his record and it is a real tribute to his work that he has been the unanimous choice for this important post in the state where he has served so many years.

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Welborn Builds New Educational Unit

In 1873 Welborn was a wilderness post on the military road between Westport (Kansas City) and Fort Leavenworth. At that time the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Churches helped start a church to serve the settlers who were building homes around a large spring and small lake on a hillside overlooking the Missouri River. It was named, "The Church of the Wyandotte Formation," since it was more of an open country church than the neighboring missions at Bethel and White Church. Later on, at the turn of the century, the Leavenworth-Kansas City Interurban established a stop called "Six-Mile" at the spot, and Welborn evolved into a pleasant suburban retreat for commuters from Kansas City.

The church grew with the community, and was a thriving parish until 1933 when a devastating fire burned all except the east wing. But in spite of depression, the parishioners, again with some Missions help, rebuilt the church, this time in durable stone, patterned by its minister, Rev. Fred Smith, after the parish church of old England.

This stone church was for many years the only place of worship in the area, and ministered to all creeds, Protestant and Catholic. But with the disappearance of the open country that formerly set Welborn apart as a separate community, other churches were established in the neighborhood, and far-seeing members saw that in order to attract the newcomers who were flocking into the area, the old structure would have to be modernized and brought up to the level of attractiveness set by the newer churches in the area.

So it was that in 1957, after a preliminary survey and various conversations with denominational leaders, the Board of Home Missions, thru its Church Building Department, made possible a loan and sent Mr. Harris Heverly, Finance Advisor, to help secure the necessary local pledges. As a result the new east wing with a new kitchen and parlor for adults (there are four adult Sunday School classes—something of a record for Congregational Churches of this size) and new classrooms for the elementary departments.

Unique items in the plans as perfected by the building committee and its chairman, Mr. Perc Rayl (presently Moderator of the Eastern Association) are:

1: Enlarging of the present sanctuary to the east giving it more worshipful and spacious atmosphere.

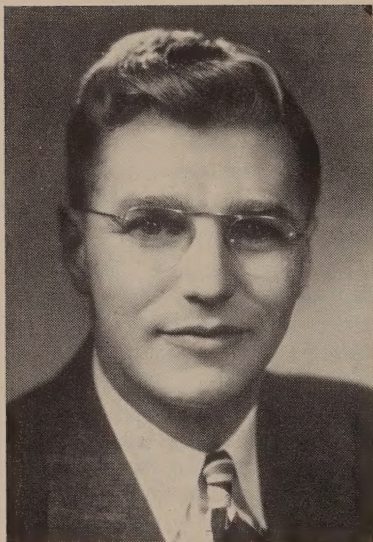
2: A new parlor featuring wood paneling and a floor to ceiling fireplace with raised hearth.

3: Using the new parlor for extra seating space when needed since it is placed directly across the ten-foot narthex hallway in back of the sanctuary. The two walls of glass make perfect visibility directly into the sanctuary.

4: A new kitchen featuring a separate dishwashing room, cold storage room and serving area with serving bar.

5: Enlarging of present social hall twenty-five feet to the east.

The total cost of the new building is \$100,000.00. The architect is Radotinsky-Meyn-Deardorff, with the Schuske Construction Co., as contractor. Plans call for completing construction, June 15 with dedication of the new building on September 13.



McKenney Heads Kansas Council

At the annual meeting of the Kansas Council of Churches held at the Alida Church, near Junction City on May 4, the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney was elected President. Mr. McKenney has been very active in Council affairs since coming to Central Church, Topeka, in 1955.

Ottawa Federation Dissolved

On October 15, 1958 the Congregational Church of Ottawa, Kansas, and the Presbyterian Church of the same city voted simultaneously to dissolve the federation of 44 years' standing. These churches were federated in September 1914 on a 90-day trial basis. Pastors were alternated between the two denominations and the program was carried on harmoniously. However, with the national merger of Presbyterians U.S.A. and the United Presbyterians it became apparent that an adjustment should be made locally as

these two Presbyterian Churches were located within a very few blocks of each other. Local Congregationalists, already in the minority, began to question the advisability of continuing the federation. Mr. Douglas Gleason, Moderator, gave to Presbyterians and Congregationalists alike valuable guidance in the months of transition. Twenty-nine members of the Congregational group transferred their membership into the Presbyterian Church and 28 members became associate members, maintaining their membership in the Congregational Church body established in 1871; nine remaining members still hold full membership in the Congregational Church.

On May 14th the two Presbyterian Churches voted to merge and become the Main Street United Presbyterian Church. The Church Building at 5th and Main has been sold and lots purchased in the southwest part of the city where they plan to build a new church building.

All these changes have been made with a minimum of friction. As Congregationalists, we wish to express appreciation for the many years these churches have given strong witness to Protestant cooperation. Miss Lulu Brown continues as clerk of our Ottawa Church and has been the correspondent reporting the steps taken in the re-programming of church activities.

Turpin Ordained

The Rev. Francis E. Turpin who began leadership at our Gaylord Church on June 7, completed work for his P.D., degree at Andover Newton Seminary in May. He was ordained to the Christian ministry on May 10 at Congregational Christian Church at Medway, N. Y., by the Hudson River Association.



Ray Jones To Chicago

On Sunday, May 24, at the morning services at Topeka First, the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones read his resignation as minister of the church to accept a unanimous call to the Bryn Mawr Community Congregational Church of Chicago.

Ray Jones came to Topeka First almost ten years ago, a few months after the new building was completed. The congregation, then numbering about 100, had lost their minister, the Rev. Paul Bockoven by death only a few weeks after the dedication of the building at 17th and Collins. He had guided them through the decision to relocate in the fast growing residential area, the sale of the historic old church at 7th and Harrison, and the three years without a church home which followed.

Under Mr. Jones' ministry the church has grown to a membership of almost a thousand. A new religious

education unit costing \$150,000 was dedicated in 1957. All areas of the church program have shown marked progress.

In the larger fellowship, Ray has served in many capacities. For three years he was State Sponsor of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship and Director of Senior Camp. He has served as Moderator of Eastern Association, a member of the Conference Stewardship Committee, and Conference representative on the Washburn College Board of Trustees. He just completed a year as Moderator of the State Conference. Few ministers of our Kansas fellowship have achieved so much in so short a time.

Mr. Jones has been active in civic as well as religious circles in Topeka, serving as Chaplain of the Senate, President of Capper Junior High P.T.A., a director of United Funds, and Vice President of the Topeka Lion's Club.

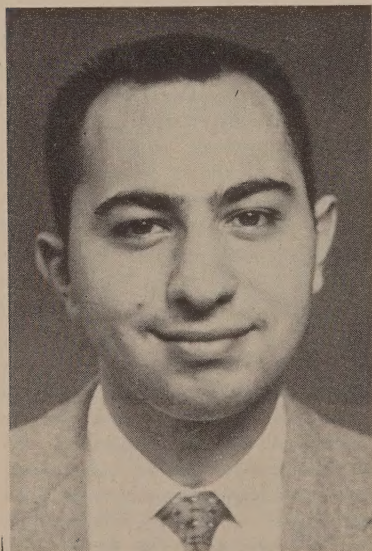
Mrs. Jones (Josephine), a talented musician, has also given outstanding leadership to the church and community. She has served as organist at the 9:30 worship service, sung in the Chancel Choir, taught in Church School, and helped in many areas of the women's program. In addition, she has entertained many groups at the parsonage and cared for the needs of their three children: Ray, Jr, 14; Thomas, 12; and Ann, 8.

The Bryn Mawr Church, the largest Congregational Church in Chicago, is located 2½ miles from the University of Chicago, with 2500 members. Included in the membership are persons from 51 different denominations. The church staff includes 20 full-time and part-time members. The Joneses will move to Chicago the last of August.

Appreciation and Farewell

As an expression of gratitude for their ten years of service, members of First Church began in April to raise a purse to help Ray and Jo take a trip to Europe and the Holy Land this summer. A dinner planned for June has now been postponed until late August, and the purse will also be a farewell gift. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will leave New York July 15 for their 35-day trip abroad, traveling almost exclusively by air. Their itinerary includes London, Paris, Zurich, Lucerne, Rome, Cairo, Old Jerusalem, New Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Istanbul (where they will visit Miss Ruth Wagner, a member of First Church serving there under our American Board) and Athens. Seventeen days will be spent in the Holy Land and Middle East.

Bon Voyage, Ray and Jo, on your summer trip, and our best to you as you take over your new responsibilities.



Rev. Jack Booch

D.R.E. At Topeka Central

The Rev. Jack Booch began work as Director of Religious Education at Central Church, Topeka, on June 1st. Mr. Booch came to Topeka from Porterville, California, where he was D.R.E. at the First Congregational Church.

Mr. Booch earned his A.B. degree from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon and a Master's degree in Speech and Drama from Purdue University in Indiana. For the past three summers he has directed special programs in religious drama at the Congregational Church in Redwood City, California.

Mr. Booch takes over the work carried by the Rev. Harold Woodbury for the past two years.

Central Honors Woodburys

A farewell party honoring the Harold Woodbury family was held Sunday afternoon, May 31st, in the parlor of Central Church, Topeka. The Woodburys left the next day for Swampscott, Mass., where Harold has been called to be Associate Minister of the First Congregational Church. In spite of a heavy rain, the party was well attended. The scout troops presented the Woodburys with a beautiful lamp. The Board of Religious Education gave each member of the family a personal suitcase as a remembrance from the church.

Fitting Tribute

The late Mr. Percy Walker and Mrs. Walker, long time members of Topeka First, were honored by their daughter Mrs. George Epps and Mr. Epps of Topeka and their son, Dr. E. Thayer Walker by a gift to First Church of 300 copies of the new Pilgrim Hymnal. Dedication of the gift took place on May 10.

LAYMEN'S CHURCHMANSHIP WORKSHOP

September 19 and 20
1959

at

LAWRENCE



Dr. Howard Schomer, Guest Leader

Featured at the Sixth Annual Laymen's Workshop will be the Reverend Dr. Howard Schomer, president of Chicago Theological Seminary. Saturday evening he will speak to the laymen on "The Church's Concern for Christian Higher Education Around the World." Following the dinner on Sunday, Dr. Schomer will present some of the needs of our Chicago Seminary.

Dr. Schomer graduated at Harvard, summa cum laude in 1937; he earned his B.D., at C.T.S. and his Ph.D. at Harvard. For four years during World War II he served under the

American Friends Service Committee as orderly and Chaplain in institutions for the mentally retarded and ill. For nine years following the war he headed the C. C. Mission of Fellowship to the Churches of Europe with headquarters at Chambon-sur-Lignon in France. There he taught history in the International Christian College Cevenol and with Mrs. Schomer, a C.T.S., Alumna, founded a conference center for minority churches in Latin Europe. From 1955 to 1958, Dr. Schomer served as Secretary for Interchurch Aid under the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. He was inaugurated as President of Chicago Theological Seminary on January 26, 1959.

Other Program Plans

Under the leadership of Mr. Charles Gunn, President of Kansas Layman's Fellowship, the state and association officers met in Topeka on May 16 to plan the workshop and other phases of the laymen's program. In addition to Dr. Schomer's talk Saturday evening, the new film, "The Pumpkin Coach" will be shown. The Sunday Schedule will include Workshops and the Morning Worship Service at Plymouth with the sermon by the Rev. Paul Davis. Meals will be served at Plymouth Church, courtesy of the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship and the State Conference. However, the individuals or the churches they represent will be asked to pay for reservations made and not claimed.

This fall meeting has come to be the highlight of the Laymen's Fellowship year. Remember the dates and the place -

September 19 and 20
LAWRENCE PLYMOUTH

Worship In The Out-Of-Doors

by Cornelia Bigelow

Summer time is a wonderful season for out-of-door worship and a time to find the power of God in the beauty of green grass, lush shade trees, babbling brooks and lovely flowers. All young people do not respond to this type of worship; but I have found that the quiet of the summer evening brings a peace and a time for self-examination that nothing else can accomplish, even though all young people do not feel drawn to God at such times.

Sunday School classes held in the park amid blooming iris, spirea, and roses; a worship service held on a high hill overlooking a valley with fields of growing things — breakfast following, cooked over an open fire; or a study of the driftwood at the time of flood, from a safe point of vantage; realizing that this is no time to be driftwood, when there are so many wrongs to make right in our world; or the story of the loaves and fishes around a cool placid lake at the hush of evening . . .

All these things bring an atmosphere to young people that is conducive to worship which is never reached in formal service at our church.

Those who have had the privilege of being in the mountains in the summer know the spiritual help one gets from sitting with a group around a camp-fire, singing songs, reading scripture, and lifting hearts in prayer. One never forgets the experience. Then too, the awesome quietness of the immense red-woods always makes one feel that he is close to the Infinite.

A snowy waterfall leaping from a high cliff, spraying everything with a fine mist, is a wonderful background

for a worship service. Having a group sit quietly and study the power of that water brings a realization that God too is powerful; and the love of God in man is just as hard to subdue as that water, and it must have an outlet for its release.

Did you ever build a worship center in the woods without an altar or candles or any equipment? You will find your group will have fun doing it, and, at the same time, will learn that very simple settings are just as beautiful as our more formal worship centers at church. A fallen log, worn shiny and clean by the wind and rain, makes a nice altar, with a pale yellow ledge of rock as a background, or a small evergreen with a beautiful stone at its feet.

All things in nature can be used as attributes of God, and there is no better time to so use God's handiwork than in the summer months.

Town and Country Convocation United Church of Christ

Five hundred rural leaders (C.C. and E&R) from all over the United States are expected at Oberlin, Ohio, Sept. 1-3 to consider the Christian Witness in the present day of great rural change.

Leaders will include Dr. Victor Obenhaus of C.T.S., the Rev. Clarence Jordan of Koinonia Farms in Georgia Dr. Purd Deitz of the Board of National Missions and others.

Planning to attend from Kansas are: the Reverends Tyson, Grohman and Poppe. Mr. Tyson is Chairman of our Conference Town and Country Committee. Special scholarships are available for four more from Kansas. The Conference will assist on travel costs for one car. If interested write Dan Tyson at Smith Center.

"A Hi Fi and a Church"

(from "Poor Merton's Almanac"

Wichita Pilgrim Log)

"We bought a hi fi for the parsonage and so far we have been able to scrape up the cash to buy four records to play on it. They may be worn out by the time we can afford to buy another, but what I mean to talk about is not our record budget. I wanted a record player so I could have 'music to read by'. There are all kinds of distracting noises in the parsonage, breaking lamps, crying (or laughing) children, a barking dog, and a television set. What with all this distraction it was really rather difficult to read. Many is the evening when this one little house has been reverberating with sounds of the fox hunt, and of three children in a triangle. I hoped that a hi fi set would drown out all these raucous noises and waft only gentle music to my ears. Then, thought I, I could read in peace.

But there were two things I didn't reckon on. One was the quality of the hi fi, which is good, and the other was the quality of my wife's taste in music, which is also good. She selected only really good records to play on the set, and the set insists upon playing them exceedingly well. Result? I put the four records in position to play, turn on the set, and sit down to read! . . . but don't read! I listen! There is something about that music which commands me to listen . . . and I am not sorry.

Many people go to church for the same reason I bought a hi fi set. They hope the church will drown out the raucous distractions of this noisy old world so that they can console themselves with gentle fictions. But when they do go to church they find themselves . . . listening, and they didn't count on that. They find that the

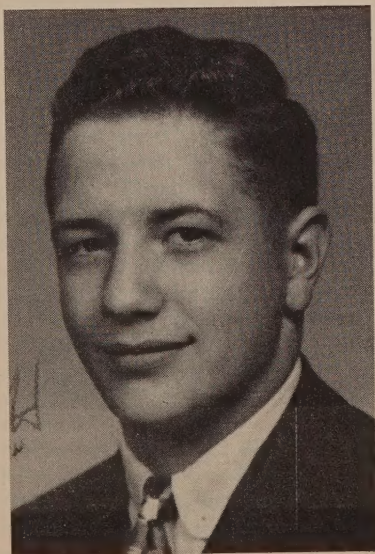
church is too great just to provide background music. Its message is so great that it commands all their attention, and they find themselves the captive of what they hear . . . and they are not sorry.

Moral: Christian truth, like good music, when just in the background is out of focus, and it won't stay that way for long."

The Ancient Mariner

Wichita Plymouth Youth Director

Mr. Bill Hickerson, a pre-ministerial student, Senior at Wichita University, joined the staff of Plymouth Church the first of June as Youth Director and Parish Visitor. Mr. Hickerson was born and raised at Newton and is a member of the Presbyterian Church there. He is married to Karen Pummill of Newton.



Bill Hickerson

Ediger Ordination

An ordination council approved by Eastern Association, has been called for July 12 at Stanley for the Rev. Marvin L. Ediger who has ministered to the Stanley Community Congregational Church for the past three years.

Mr. Ediger received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City this spring. He has been examined by the Eastern Association Ministerial Standing Committee and will be examined further by the ordaining council at 4:00 P.M., on July 12, when he will read his ordination paper presenting his background of experience and beliefs.

Mr. Ediger is a licensed minister with full powers with membership in Eastern Association. He has carried on a progressive program at Stanley during his ministry. The church building has recently been remodeled and expanded. He has given leadership to Wa-Shun-Ga Junior Hi camps for two years and led his church in more active cooperation with the larger fellowship.

At the Ordination Service at 7:30 P.M., on July 12, the sermon will be brought by the Rev. Paul Davis who has been Mr. Ediger's Counselor. Others participating are Kenneth Martin, Julian Johnson, Ray Jones, Duane Ogden and L. M. Rymph. Arthur Dunbar and Mrs. Leota Justice of the local church will also participate. A courtesy supper will be served at 6:00 P.M.

Back To His Homeland

The Rev. Oscar E. Bonny of Kansas City Rosedale is leaving June 16 for Europe to make a first hand study of conditions as compared to those he left in 1926 when he and his family escaped Russian persecution and fled to Canada.

The tour is under the guidance and sponsorship of Dr. Jerome Davis, Executive Director of Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc. He has been taking tours to Russia and the Baltic States for a number of years as a part of the educational effort of his organization to contribute to international peace through understanding. The tours are a study nature, with particular emphasis on places and institutions which provide a unique understanding of the life and culture of a people. Dr. Davis arranges interviews with the top officials of each country. The tour will begin in west and east Berlin with sight-seeing and political interviews in Warsaw, Poland, then by way of Leningrad into Russia, visiting some twelve important centers, cities, schools, hospitals, research centers, farms, convalescent homes, etc., crossing Russia clear down to the Caspian and the Black Seas. Mr. Bonny will return in August.

Mrs. Bonny and the children will spend the summer at Palm Beach, Florida with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Lindquist.

Guest At Wichita Plymouth

Miss Oline Nicholson, superintendent of industries at the Madura Mission in south India, and vocations teacher at the Lucy Perry Noble Institute there spoke at Plymouth Church, Wichita, on May 27.

She has been a missionary in India under the American Board for 30 years. In the school the students are taught a way of livelihood in a land where beggars are plentiful. Her skill as a crafts teacher won recognition from the Indian government.

While in Wichita she was a guest of Mrs. John W. Gibson.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Edith McNall
By Smith Center Fellowship

Mrs. Della Eddy
Mrs. Lizzie Moran
By Dover Fellowship

Miss Bessie T. Waite
Mrs. Emma A. Sargent
Mrs. Katie Weir
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Mrs. James D. Banker
By Russell Fellowship

Mrs. Iva Corfman
By Whitewater Fellowship

Mrs. Laura Dexter
By Prairie Village Fellowship

Mrs. B. Blanche Gardner
Mrs. Rose Childs
By Plevna Fellowship

Mrs. Ethel Brooks Becker
Mrs. C. J. McCoy
By Emporia First Fellowship

Mrs. Dorothy Hedrick
Mrs. Florence Hiatt
Mrs. Lillian Elliott
Mrs. Ida Tourtillot
By Newton Fellowship

Gardens

As I was walking home from town the other day I revelled in the many beautiful gardens along the way. Those gardens had been nurtured and cared for by loving hands using the proper tools. When I arrived home I took a look at my poor neglected garden. Weeds were much too plentiful and some of the perennials were so rank that they were crowding out other plants. As I looked it occurred to me that we might liken the Fellowship in the local church to a garden.

The Fellowship that has spirituality and love as its core is beautiful. The women in that Fellowship are using the proper tools with loving care. The tools are The Bible, the Manual of the National Fellowship, the Kansas Guide Book, Guide Posts, the United Church Herald, the Church Woman, the Social Action magazine, the Program Book, any many other tools that are available.

The women who nurture their Fellowship by using the proper tools become good stewards of their time, talents, and treasure. They are conscious of the needs and aspirations of other people. This includes not only their friends and people in the neighborhood but the people whom they shall never see. They have genuine concern for the well-being of other people the world over. They study and read in order to understand governmental and international issues. They go the second mile in their giving and in their doing.

This beautiful Fellowship is constantly doing something about the weeds that could choke spiritual growth and development.

Some of these weeds are indifference and lack of interest among the members; non-attendance at meetings; unwillingness to assume a share of the responsibilities of office or of taking part in the program or of assisting to carry out the projects assumed by the majority. There is constant care given to see that such projects as bazaars and money-making suppers are not allowed to grow so rank that the projects and work of the church are crowded out.

My garden had reached its state of neglect because I had been too busy doing other things. This happens so often in church work—people are so busy doing other things that seem important at the time. But are they so important? Is there anything more important than the redemption of souls and the care of those in need?

Myrtle K. Graves (Mrs. Roscoe)

Retreat In Progress

As we go to press the Kansas Women's Fellowship Retreat is meeting at Doane, June 1-4. Word from Mrs. Thomas Gibbons, Registrar, of Russell, gave 101 as registered from the following churches:

Eastern Association: Carbondale—1; Council Grove—2; Lawrence—3; Manhattan—3; Prairie Village—2; Sabetha—2; K. C. Rosedale—3; K. C. Ruby—1; K. C. Welborn—2; Muscotah—4; Wakefield—2; Topeka Central—15; Topeka First—2; Topeka Seabrook—2; Topeka Seaman—5; Total—49.

Southern Association: Emporia 1st—3; Eureka—4; Haven—1; Independence—2; Maize—2; McPherson—2; Mt. Hope—1; Partridge—3; White-water—3; Newton—1; Sedgwick—1; Wichita Concord—1; Wichita Plymouth—4; Wichita Fairmount—5. Total—33.

Western Association: Almena—2; Garden City—2; Gorham—3; Great Bend—3; Lincoln—1; Olive Hill—1; Osborne—1; Russell—3; Lenora—1. Total—17.

Special guests are Mrs. Allen Hackett of St. Louis and Mrs. Clarence Archilles of the E and R Church.

The registrations include 14 Seniors or 4-year attendants, 17 Juniors, 25 Sophomores and 44 Freshmen.

Family Camp

Registered for the Estes Park Family Camp to be held at Association Camp, July 19-25 are: From Gorham—the Wm. Hampl and the Walt Losey families; from Great Bend, the Carl Morris, the John D. Murray and the Clark Solso families; from K. C. Welborn—the Don Fiscus family; from K. C. First Pilgrim—the Russell De Rigne family; from Prairie Village—the Ray Green and Rex Culley families; from Topeka Central—the C. E. Goldsmith and Ray Arvin families; from Topeka Seabrook—the Dale Dugan family; from Russell—the Roy Messmore family.

Leaders include the Phil Feltons of Great Bend—Directors, the George Dreher of Wichita Concord—Assistant Directors, the Marcus Emmons of Clinton, Iowa, the Merrill Grohman of Little River and Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Thomas of India.

Student Summer Service

The Rev. David Cutting completed his first year at Andover Newton Seminary and took the next train for Kansas, arriving May 31st. He will spend 3 weeks giving leadership at Wa-Shunga and one week at the Sedgwick Work Camp. The remainder of his summer he will give leadership at Topeka Seabrook, Kansas City Ruby and Russell.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Poppe—President

Ann Heide—Secretary



Mary Dewar - P & T Guest

Doane P and T

Young, self-reliant, full of life—this is Mary Dewar, Missionary Nurse of the Angola Mission at Dondi, Africa. In addition to heading the Nursing School of 50 students, mostly men, at the Sara Hurd Scott Memorial Hospital, Miss Dewar takes major responsibilities at the main hospital with its 100 beds and the near-by 150 patient tuberculosis sanitarium.

At the age when most young women are settling down to careers as housewives, Mary Dewar looks back on 11 exciting years as a C.C. Missionary Nurse in two remote areas of the world. In China she spent almost three years under the Communist regime and though imprisoned for only 12 days,

was held incommunicado for nine months.

She is a graduate of Oberlin College and received her R.N. from Western University's School of Nursing.

Help For Local Programs

At a planning meeting of the Central Committee in Wichita it was agreed that the Doane meeting should bring definite help to leaders for the P.F. program in the local church. The Seminars or Workshops are being planned to this end. So we urge you to send your best leaders—your officers—the people in charge of your 1959-60 P.F., program.

Urge your P.F. Sponsors to attend. There will be special workshops for them.

Who? How Much? When

Only five young people may register from any one church. They should be officers or leaders; if you don't have five with leader qualities, send a fewer number. The cost for the period, including meals, lodging (bedding furnished) and some program material is \$10.00 per person. The dates are August 24-27, with registration at 2:00 P.M., on Monday and closing immediately following breakfast on Thursday.

Share Rides

There will be no special bus this year, so every one taking a car should make an effort to fill it up on a share expense basis. It is hoped that local churches or youth groups will help on the cost for their representatives.

P.F.'er Dies In Crash

Many Pilgrims across Kansas were shocked to learn of the tragic death of Albert Beyer of Sabetha on June 2. Albert has attended Wa-Shun-Ga camps for several years and was one of the eight boys at the Wabaunsee Work Camp last year.

Albert had graduated from Sabetha High School the last week in May, and then joined a harvest crew at Marion. He was driving a truck loaded with a combine, heading for the Oklahoma wheat fields. Seven miles north of Ca'dwell the truck struck a bridge railing, the combine was plunged into the river, the truck cab where Albert was trapped caught fire and companions were unable to free him.

Albert Beyer had decided to go into the Christian Ministry and plans were under way for him to be taken "In care of Eastern Association" this fall. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and a sister. Services at Sabetha were in charge of the Rev. S. Duane Ogden, Minister.

Honor Graduates

Approximately 95 people were served by the Muscotah Pilgrim Fellowship when they presented a banquet on May 23rd, honoring their '59 graduates . . . grade school, high school and college. Much good food, fellowship and inspiration was enjoyed by all! The Guest Speakers for the occasion were Rev. J. Edward Robinson and Rev. Arthur J. Jones of the Centralia Church.

P.F.'er Honored

Dick Epps of Topeka Central Pilgrim Fellowship was elected Lieutenant Governor of Boys' State at their recent meeting in Wichita.

Sedgwick Work Camp

As we go to press the following are registered for the Work Camp to be held at Sedgwick, June 14-27:

Barbara Cole, Gaylord; Mary Ann Zutavern and Elizabeth Hiss of Great Bend; Barbara Lou Short, Alma; Linda Wheeler, Topeka First; Virginia Nolan, Topeka Central; Linda Fairchild, Nancy Cline, Wichita Plymouth; Janice Ravenscraft, Whitewater; Kent Knowlton, Dierk McWilliams and Butch Purinton of Kansas City Ruby.

The Rev. Dan Tyson and the Rev. Louis Poppe are Co-Directors.

Camps At Wa-Shun-Ga

As we go to press, Senior Camp is underway. The demand was so great that we let down the bars and filled the camp to capacity. So there are 219 campers, 86 boys and 133 girls, plus 24 leaders, a total of 243 at the camp this week. This is far from ideal for campers or leaders, but it seemed the only way to serve some 8 or 10 small groups from churches which would have been left out otherwise. Large delegations of from 18 to 26 came in early. The camp is already contracted for four full weeks beginning May 29 next year, so we should be able to care for the groups more adequately. We express deep appreciation to Uncle Steve Williams, Director and his fine staff who carried on under great handicaps this year.

Registered for Uncle Elmo Paff's camp, June 7-13 are 132 campers—68 boys and 64 girls plus 22 leaders for a total of 154.

Registered for Uncle Paul Davis' camp, June 14-20 are 149 campers—52 boys and 97 girls plus 25 leaders for a total of 174.



Christian Education Workshop

July 5-10, 1959

Purpose

The purpose of the Workshop to be held at Topeka Central July 5 to 10 is to help the people of our Kansas Churches come to a closer understanding of the foundations of the Christian faith; to know the history of our church; to understand the age groups we teach; to learn how to make better use of materials and improve methods in teaching; to stimulate Christian growth and dedication.

Areas and Leaders

Basic Foundations of Christian Education and the Adult Group with special emphasis on the task of the Superintendent and the Christian Education Committee in the local church, will be led by Miss Mildred Widber, Guest Leader from Chicago.

Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff of Russell will be Chaplain; Rev. Paul Davis of Lawrence will present Church History; Age groups: Nursery—Mrs. Paul Heide of Wichita Plymouth; Kindergarten—Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Chairman of the Children's Workers Committee will

have general supervision of these sections: Primary—Mrs. Betty Bauer, E&R Guest Leader from Lexington, Mo. Junior—Miss Goldie Georgeson of Lenora; Youth—Miss Laura Neville of Wichita Fairmount, assisted by Mrs. Georgeson, who is General Chairman.

Housing and Meals

Mrs. Charles Graves of Central, Mrs. Floyd Davidson of Seabrook and Rev. Roy Hanson of First are in charge of local arrangements. Lodging will be furnished free of charge in homes. Lunches and dinners will be served at Central Church.

Cost

Total cost to be sent in advance for each full-time registration is \$12.25. This covers the \$3.00 registration fee and \$9.25 for meals at the church. Breakfasts, to be paid for by each individual, will be served at the Coed Cafe, 1417 Lane.

Send Your Leaders

Churches are urged to invest at least half the cost for several leaders. Your church will benefit greatly.

New Visual Aids

Town and Country Cousins: (FS & Scr.)

Story of three children—2 live in a country town and they visit their cousin on her farm nearby. Written from a perspective that takes into account the rapid changes since World War II.

Tumba of Africa (FS & Scr.)

Story of an african boy and his family who live in a village where there is a Christian Church and a Mission

Christian Symbols (FS & Scr.)

Based on the book, "Our Christian Symbols" by Frederich Rest. Color filmstrip of 105 frames.

Sketchbook on Greatness (FS & Scr.)

Pilgrim Series filmstrip to be used with summer quarter curriculum. (Is not recommended for children)

Albert Schweitzer (FS & Record)

A new story of Dr. Schweitzer—now past 80 but still working in the African jungle.

Toyohiko Kagawa (FS with record)

"God's Man in Japan". On the same record with Dr. Schweitzer.

These new visuals are all available from the Conference Office, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, for the payment of postage.

Ellis Resigns

The Rev. William R. Ellis, who has served the Maple Hill Church for the past six months, closed his work there on June 14 to take a full time Methodist pastorate.

It's A Boy!

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Tully (V. Hare) of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, announce the arrival of a son, Steven Robert, on May 23. He weighed 9 pounds and 15 ounces.

Former Kansas Minister Passes

The Rev. Walter E. Lanphear died in Pasadena, California on May 24. He was a former minister in Southern Association having served at Newton and Sedgwick.

Topeka Seaman

Plans for the Seaman Church educational Unit are in the hands of the architect. They will be available for bids in late June, according to the Rev. Ray Haun, Minister.

How True

How many a woman has gone berserk on being asked with a kindly smirk: "Are you a housewife, or do you work?"